



Female student encounters black bear

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A female BC student claims she was knocked off the ground by a black bear while hiking alone in a remote part of Pisgah National Forest. The encounter was instantaneous and the bear ran away leaving the student completely unharmed.

Robin Funsten says she was near completing a five day solo of Art Loeb on Wednesday, March 7, when she became side tracked and found her self on an old logging road near Kagle Mt. After turning a corner on the road, Robin says she experienced extreme fear

as she suddenly saw a large bear running toward her down the side of the mountain. Before having a chance to react, Robin says she experienced a glancing collision with the bear in which the bear's shoulder hit her backpack and knocked her to the ground. Without stopping the bear continued bounding down the mountain side and quickly disappeared after giving a quick glance back at Robin who lay on the ground stunned.

Robin says this was her first time seeing a bear in the wild. She claims to have no explanation for the bear's behavior, but says she does not think the bear was intending to harm her.



Triple murder brings Court TV to Hendersonville



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In 1966 Brevard's neighbor Hendersonville had the most brutal and mysterious murder that has ever taken place within its county borders. Forty-one years later the unsolved murder is being reopened, with psychics this time.

Last summer the Hendersonville Times-News ran an eight day series on the triple murder which peaked the interests of Court TV's psychic based show "Haunting Evidence." On July 22, 1966, three badly decomposing bodies were found lying in a semi-circle with objects placed on them. Vernon Shipmen, Charles Glass, and Louise Davis Shumate had all suffered massive wounds to the head.

Shipmen and Glass were both gay men who worked together at Hendersonville's Tempo Music Center. Glass was known for selling "voodoo charms and hexes," according to the Times-News articles, and had a black blues musician living at his house at the time of the murder. Prejudices and difficulties with the case prevented it from being solved, though there is speculation that town officials were involved in a cover up. The articles also detailed theories about "blackmail over 'compromising photographs, corruption of the

county's youth, a drug deal gone bad and money fraudulently gained as possible motives."

According to a Times-News Article, Tim Robbins, executive producer of the TV series claims that "this mystery has a series of gaps, along with contradictory statements and recollections," which led to the show's interest in the murder.

Psychic profiler Carla Baron, medium John J. Oliver, and paranormal investigator Patrick Burns lead the show. The tagline from the website about the show says: "working together, can this unconventional team of experts find clues that will provide new insights into real-life cases that have gone cold?"

The crew was scheduled for filming in Hendersonville this week, and the episode is expected to show in the new season, which begins in June in prime time. Re-runs of the series can be seen on Saturdays at 3 and 3:30 p.m. on Court TV.

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